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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2007, applicant(s) elect the following species, without traverse.

Category C – With respect to category C, Applicants respectfully elect a first-order modifier having an amino group as a functional group, as recited in claim 8.

Category D –With respect to category D, Applicants respectfully elect as the rubbery polymer (B), a hydrogenation product of a block copolymer comprised of a homopolymer block of vinyl aromatic monomer units and at least one polymer block selected from the group consisting of a homopolymer block of conjugated diene monomer units and a copolymer block comprised of vinyl aromatic monomer units and conjugated diene monomer units, as recited in claims 11 and 12.

The claims which are readable on the elected species are claims 1-4, 6-8 and 11-15.

Respectfully submitted,

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